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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/782,130
Filed: February 12, 2001
Title: **Methods and Compositions for Regulated
Transcription and Expression of Heterologous
Genes**
Applicants: Vic C. KNAUF *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 18866.003

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (one month);
2. a Reply to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003; and
3. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 18866.003:

\$ 110.00 one-month extension of time fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to

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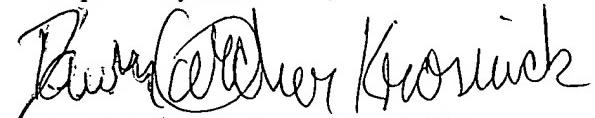
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Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 18866.003. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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